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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Atty. Docket: 8266-0371

Applicants: Metz, et al.

Title:

MEDICAL DEVICE

SUPPORT ASSEMBLY

Serial No.:

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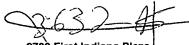
In response to the Official Action of November 5, 2002 and the Advisory Action of February 3, 2003, please amend the above-noted application as indicated below and consider the remarks found herein. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, a version of the claims as amended is submitted herein, and a marked up version showing the amendments to the claims is submitted contemporaneously herewith as ATTACHMENT A.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED					-00
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	14	87	0	\$18	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	1	13	0	\$84	\$0
If applicant has small entity status under 37 C. and enter ame	SMALL ENTITY TOTAL	NO	\$0		
TOTAL FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS					\$0

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x	An Extension of Time for one (1) month is hunder 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The required for	\$110.00	
	Information Disclosure Statement TOTAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$110.00
<u>. </u>	A check in the amount of \$amendment is attached.	to cover the total fee for this	
X	Authorized to charge \$110.00 to Bose McK	inney & Evans, LLP's Deposit Account No.	02-3223.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be required during the prosecution of this application, or credit of any overpayment, to Bose McKirthey & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Attorney of Record

Printed Name: Norman J. Hedges

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